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Directed Reading Thinking Activity Technique to Increase Student’s Comprehension in Reading

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Abstract

Reading is very important aspect of language, for that people have to read to obtain the information, to solve the problems and for any other reasons. The importance of reading is undeniable. Reading as a window, which we can see or know anything outside our world. Through reading, we can know something even about people that has been died thousands of years ago. In addition, with reading people can understood the information, ideas, and knowledge.

Directed Reading Thinking Activity technique can be as a game. This “game” is a process by which a reader constructs meaning from something being read. It is an active transaction between the writer, who is expressing his/her thoughts, ideas or feelings, and the reader, who comprehends this expression. As well the reader needs to comprehend on more that just a surface level (i.e., literal comprehension). A reader also needs to be able to read and understand the implied message (i.e., inferential comprehension) and be able to make some form of personal, emotional response to what has been read and understood (i.e., creative comprehension).

In this research, the researcher uses one group pre-test and post-test design. And the result of the data analysis shows that the students’ ability on reading comprehension in the pre-test and post-test are different, because the researcher has been done the application of DRTA technique in treatment.

Key words: directed reading, information, ideas, knowledge.

Introduction

English is one of languages which can place itself as an international language. That it’s to say that it is the most important and often used as a mean of communication all over the world. In Indonesia, English is a first foreign language, which is taught from Elementary school as the local content curriculum to university level as a compulsory subject. The existence of the English teaching in Indonesia school is to support the increase of education quality due to many useful scientific books are written in English. English is also taught in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and one of the language skills that must be mastered and important is reading.

In the real life, people read in order to get as well as intellectual advantage and pleasure. Because reading is very important aspect of language, for that people have to read to obtain the information, to solve the problems and for any other reasons. The importance of reading is undeniable. Reading as a window, which we can see or know anything.